(b) the total amount utilized by the State against the allocated amount, year-wise; and

(c) the total amount laying unutilised against the released amount during each of those years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Entire Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for 1998-99 amounting to Rs. 22.42 crore, for 1999-2000 amounting to Rs. 23.37 crore and for 2000-01 amounting to Rs. 32.61 crore was released to Himachal Pradesh for undertaking necessary measures in the wake of natural calamities including drought. In addition, Rs. 18.98 crore was released to the State from the national Calamity Contingency Fund for the drought of 2000-01.

(b) and (c) The State Government have reported expenditure of Rs. 33.58 crore during 1999-2000, Rs. 55.10 crore during 2000-01 and Rs. 82.14 crore during 2001-02 on flood/drought and that no unspent balance is available.

Dry cropping pattern for Kutch in Gujarat

1330. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large area of agricultural land in Kutch district of Gujarat remains uncultivated, because of recurring droughts;

(b) whether Government have prepared any action-plan to develop dry cropping pattern and herbal and medicinal plants *viz.* Allovira, Gokhru, Sonamukhi, etc. in Kutch district;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, in what manner Government propose to protect the interests of farmers in that district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. The district falls in arid and semi-arid tropics and cultivation is done in rainfed conditions. The farmers have to face drought periodically.

(b) to (d) So far as herbal and medicinal plants *viz.* Allovira, Gokhru, Sonamukhi, etc. in Kutch district are concerned, a scheme for medicinal and aromatic plants is implemented by providing planting materials/seeds with the

help of Gujarat Agriculture University by Horticulture Department of Government of Gujarat. Besides this, the organization of demonstrations with newly package of practices and area expansion of such medicinal plants are also organised.

Procurement of copra in AP

1331. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NAFED procures copra from farmers in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the quantity of Copra procured in the State during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As the central nodal agency of Government, NAFED procured the following quantities of copra in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years:

Year	Quantity Procured (in MTs)	
	Milling Copra	Ball Copra
1999-2000	—	—
2000-2001	16,173	3
2001-2002 (upto 21-2-02)	621	—
TOTAL	16,794	3

(c) Question does not arise.

Copra procurement

1332. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds NAFED released to various State Governments for Copra procurement during 2001, State-wise;